

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,  
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON OCTOBER 10, 2016 AT 6:00  
P.M.

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PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Simpson, City Attorney Bruce Wilson and City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Edward Bradley Heather Johnston, Eddie King, Robert Norris, Danna Schneider and Freeman Wish.

Alderman King made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of e) Budget adjustment for Heating/Air Unit for MPB which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Norris, Schneider and Wish.

Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Minutes for September 12<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> which Alderman Wish seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Norris, Schneider and Wish.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Change Order Palmer Road

City Engineer Morgan Barrett stated the change order was not included in the final pay estimate for Palmer Road. Alderman Norris made a motion to adjust the 2016 Street Improvement budget for the Palmer Road Change Order in the amount of \$6,006.00 which Alderman Johnston seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Norris, Schneider and Wish.

##### Proposed Property Exchange

Jeff Scaccia representing the University of the Ozarks presented a proposal to exchange property owned by the University of the Ozarks on Market Street (104 acres) by Wal-Mart for Property owned by the City of Clarksville within the area of University Street, College Avenue and Johnson and Walnut streets. The new tennis complex being constructed by the University of the Ozarks would be located next to the current Maintenance facility and would be an aesthetic distractor to the tennis courts. Alderman Schneider stated the Council had voted to accept a grant for the feasibility study for the Alston Youth Center and signed A Memorandum of Understanding between Preserve Arkansas and the City of Clarksville. Alderman Schneider stated she felt the City had an obligation to fulfill what the Council had approved and was concerned about the cost and inconvenience to the city of relocating the maintenance department, street and parks. Alderman King stated he was concerned with the amount of money it would take to repair the building and the city had no defined use for the Alston Youth Center. Alderman Schneider stated the feasibility study would include recommended usage options for the building. The grant was a \$5,000.00 matching grant and had been approved by the council. Alderman King made a motion to accept the property exchange proposal. Motion died due to lack of a second. Alderman Norris stated the building was falling in it would be better to tear down the building and put up a monument honoring Sonny Alston and Betty Ann Shain. Alderman Schneider stated you would be tearing down a piece of history. Rachel Silva, director of Preserve Arkansas, stated the University of the Ozarks could apply for preservation grant funds if it obtains the Alston Youth Center and could become the entity under agreement for the preservation grants. Alderman Wish and Bradley expressed a desire to talk with the college and discuss the options for the Alston Youth Center. Alderman Bradley stated it would be a lot of money to repair the building and expressed a desire to do what was best for the community. Alderman Schneider urged the Council to complete the Memorandum of Understanding and consider the options after the study is complete. Rachel Silva stated the architect should begin work soon and should be able to complete the study within 90 days. Tommy Jameson the preservation architect would assess and prioritize the needs. Alderman Norris made a motion to table for 30 days which Alderman King seconded. Alderman Johnston asked what would be tabled, after discussion motion and second were withdrawn. It was agreed upon to revisit the proposal after the study is completed.

Ordinance Special Permit for University of the Ozarks

Mayor Simpson introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. The clerk read the Ordinance by title. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Norris seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Norris, Schneider and Wish.

Ordinance No. 16-770 passed 6-0.

Armory

Alderman Schneider requested Rachel Silva, director of Preserve Arkansas update the council on the progress to date. Rachel Silva stated the grant was awarded at the end of August and the \$5,000.00 was received the first week of October. Mayor Simpson asked if the City would be committed. Silva stated the repairs would be prioritized as the roof first and then apply for a grant to fix the roof. The City would have to agree to a Conservation easement to be placed on the structure. The roof would then have to be maintained.

Budget Adjustment for Heating/Air Unit for MPB

Tom Cogan reported the work to replace the Heating/Air Unit for the Multi-Purpose Building had been completed and requested the payment be made to Newton Electric in the amount of \$16,159.57. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the \$16,159.57 and adjust the Parks Department Budget which Alderman Wish seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Norris, Schneider and Wish.

Reports

Economic Development

Economic Development Activity Update was submitted by Kellie Danielson the new CEO for the Clarksville-Johnson County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Fire

Fire Chief Clark Gray submitted the monthly report (copy attached).

Parks

Parks Department monthly report was submitted (copy attached).

Police

Police Chief Kevin Weathers submitted the monthly report (copy attached).

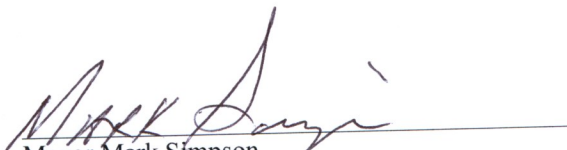
Street

Monthly report submitted (copy attached).

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison, Disbursements and the Bond Activity Summary were submitted.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Mayor Mark Simpson

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasure Barbara Blackard